

2003 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide

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“A peculiar virtue
in wildlife ethics
is that the hunter
ordinarily has no
gallery to approve
or disapprove of
his conduct.
Whatever his acts,
they are dictated
by his own con-
science, rather
than by a mob
of onlookers.
It is difficult to
exaggerate the
importance
of this fact.”

— Aldo Leopold

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Major Regulation Changes for 2003

Hunting:

- Ruffed grouse season is open **statewide** September 15-November 14 and December 1-January 1, 2004. See pages 24-25.
- New kill tags. See page 26.
- Properly licensed legally blind hunters may use a crossbow. See page 15.
- New regulations pertaining to the importation of deer and elk carcasses into Michigan. See page 22.
- DMU 045 becomes an experimental Deer Management Unit. See page 17.
- Squirrel season has been extended (September 15-March 1). See pages 24-25.

Trapping:

- The fisher and marten trapping season has been extended (December 1-15). See page 37.
- Resident beaver and otter trapping season has been extended (November 10-March 31). See page 38.
- The statewide otter bag limit has been clarified (three otter per person, of which only one otter may be taken in Zone 2 and one otter from Zone 3). See page 38.
- Furbearer registration requirements have changed. See page 41.

Reminders for 2003

- A portion of Dickinson County in the Upper Peninsula is closed to woodcock hunting. See page 32.
- If you are planning to hunt any migratory birds (ducks, geese, woodcock, snipe, rails, etc.) this fall, you must have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) endorsement printed on your small game license. See page 32.

Hunter Harassment

Hunters in Michigan have the right to enjoy their sport free from deliberate interference. Individuals whose hunting is being obstructed should promptly report the violation to a local conservation officer, the nearest DNR Operations Service Center or by calling 800-292-7800. Complaints also can be submitted online at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

REPORT ALL POACHING
Call: 800-292-7800

TTY—HEARING IMPAIRED, 711 (MICHIGAN RELAY CENTER)

Hunting License Fees*

License Number	License Type	Minimum Age	Fee
Deer*			
140	Resident Firearm Deer	14	\$14.00
141	Senior Firearm Deer (residents only)	65	\$5.60
145	Resident Archery Deer	17 ⁶	\$14.00
146	Senior Archery Deer (residents only)	65	\$5.60
147	Junior Archery Deer	12-16	\$7.00
142	Nonresident Firearm Deer	17 ⁴	\$129.00
148	Nonresident Archery Deer	17 ⁴	\$129.00
340	Combination Deer Resident	17 ⁶	\$28.00
341	Combination Deer Senior	65	\$11.20
342	Combination Deer Junior	12-16 ⁵	\$14.00
343	Combination Deer Nonresident	17 ⁴	\$258.00
Elk*			
170	Resident Elk Application ³		\$4.00
171	Elk ¹ (residents only)	14	\$100.00
Fur Harvester-Valid through March 31, 2004			
190	Resident Fur Harvester	17 ⁶	\$14.00
191	Senior Fur Harvester (residents only)	65	\$5.60
192	Junior Fur Harvester	12-16	\$7.00
195	Junior Fur Harvester (trap only)	up to 16	\$7.00
193	Nonresident Fur Harvester	17 ⁴	\$150.00
Bear*			
180	Bear Application ³		\$4.00
181	Resident Bear ¹	12	\$14.00
182	Senior Bear ¹	65	\$5.60
183	Nonresident Bear ¹	17 ⁴	\$150.00
Small Game-Valid through March 31, 2004 except 3-day licenses			
130	Resident Small Game	17 ⁶	\$14.00
131	Senior Small Game (residents only)	65	\$5.60
132	Junior Small Game	12-16	\$1.00
133	Nonresident Small Game	17 ⁴	\$65.00
134	3-Day Nonresident Small Game	17	\$28.00
Gamebird Hunting Preserve-Valid through March 31, 2004			
139	Gamebird Hunting Preserve	12	\$14.00
Waterfowl*			
135	Waterfowl ²	16	\$5.00
136	Reserved Waterfowl Hunt Application ³		\$4.00
137	Daily Managed Waterfowl Hunt	12 ³	\$4.00
138	Annual Managed Waterfowl Hunt	12 ³	\$13.00
Fall Turkey*			
160	Fall Turkey Application ³		\$4.00
161	Resident Turkey ¹	12	\$14.00
162	Senior Turkey ¹ (residents only)	65	\$5.60
163	Nonresident Turkey ¹	17 ⁴	\$65.00
000	DNR Sportcard		\$1.00

*These hunting licenses expire at the end of the season for which they are issued.

¹ Eligibility based on success in drawing.

² A federal duck stamp also is required to hunt waterfowl if you are age 16 or older.

³ Minimum age and hunter safety requirement must be met at the time licenses are purchased.

⁴ Nonresidents under age 17 may purchase resident licenses.

⁵ Not valid for 12- and 13-year-olds unless archery only hunting.

⁶ Residents and nonresidents under age 17 may purchase the junior license at reduced price. See page 35 for exceptions.

License Information

To purchase a hunting or fur harvester license, you must have one of the following:

- A valid Michigan Driver License.
- A valid Michigan ID Card (issued by the Secretary of State) with additional proof of residency, such as a Michigan voter registration card.
- A Michigan DNR Sportcard (issued through license dealers).

All hunters born on or after January 1, 1960, also must present their hunter safety certificate, previous hunting license or sign their license in the presence of the license dealer. This also applies to hunters who intend to hunt furbearers under a fur harvester license.

- All licenses must be signed to be valid. Your signature certifies that you meet the residency and hunter safety requirements to purchase the license.
- When hunting or trapping, you must carry your license and the identification used to purchase that license.
- It is illegal to use another person's hunting license.

Note: A junior fur harvester-trap only license is available for youngsters who do not satisfy the training requirements for purchasing a hunting license.

To qualify for any adult resident hunting or fur harvester license, you must meet one of the following criteria:

- Have a permanent residence in Michigan.
- Be a full time student at a Michigan college or university.
- Serve full time in the U.S. Military and be officially stationed in Michigan.

The ownership of land in Michigan by itself is not a qualification for a resident license.

Persons serving in the U.S. Military, who, at the time of enlistment, were residents of Michigan and who have maintained resident status for the purposes of obtaining a driver license or voting and who are stationed outside the state, may purchase any hunting license that does not require a separate application for \$1. The individual must present leave papers, duty papers, military orders or other evidence acceptable to the department verifying that he or she is stationed outside the state and a Michigan driver license or voter registration. These licenses, available at DNR Operations Service Centers, are valid for up to two weeks during the established season. The license buyer can designate the exact hunting period.

Sportsperson Discount

A 15 percent discount is provided when four or more licenses are purchased at one time for the same person. The waterfowl hunting license, 24-hour fishing license and all-species upgrade license are not eligible for this discount.

Restricted Hunting Applications

Applications for restricted hunt drawings (bear, elk, antlerless deer, turkey and waterfowl) may be purchased from license dealers, at customer service kiosks or online from the DNR Web site: www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Application Period	
Spring Wild Turkey Hunting	January 1-February 1
Bear Hunting	April 15-May 15
Elk Hunting	June 15-July 15
Antlerless Deer Hunting	July 1-August 1
Fall Wild Turkey Hunting	July 1-August 1
Reserved Waterfowl Hunts	August 1-28

Special Rules for Young Hunters (12-16 Years of Age)

See page 28 for Youth Hunting Opportunities.

Small-game hunters can be licensed at age 12. Youngsters under age 14 may accompany an adult legally hunting, dog training or trapping without a license if the youth does not carry a firearm or bow and arrow.

To obtain a hunting license, your parent or guardian must accompany you to a license dealer. You must fill out an application and present your Michigan hunter safety certificate at this time. For information on hunter safety classes, contact the nearest DNR Operations Service Center (back cover) or check the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Hunters under age 17, when afield, must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or someone 17 or older designated by their parent or guardian. "Accompanied by" requires the adult to maintain unaided visual and verbal contact with the youngster. This rule does not apply when hunting lands on which your parent or guardian lives.

Nonresidents under the age of 17 may purchase resident and junior licenses.

The minimum age requirements for all licenses are listed on page 4. Youngsters who apply for a license through a drawing must be the minimum age when the license is purchased.

Resident junior archery deer hunting, junior small game, and junior fur harvester licenses are available to resident and nonresident hunters, ages 12-16, and grant the same privileges as the adult licenses.

Lost Licenses and Hunter Safety Certificates

If you lose your Michigan fishing, hunting or fur harvester license, you may purchase a replacement at any license dealer. You must provide the ID number used to purchase the original license. The full price will be charged to replace any license with a kill tag. All other licenses cost \$3 to be replaced.

Replacement hunter safety certificates for Michigan residents hunting out-of-state are available. Call 517-373-3292, or nearest DNR Operations Service Center.

Hunting and Trapping and Rifle/Shotgun Zones

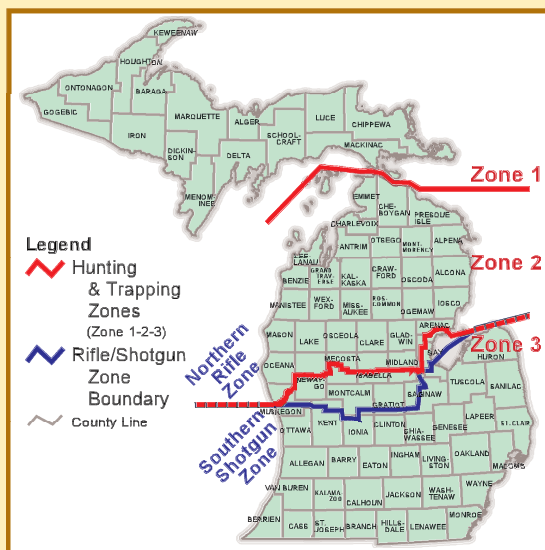
Michigan is divided into Zones 1-2-3.

Zone 1 includes all of the Upper Peninsula. The dividing line between Zones 2 and 3 is:

From the Lake Michigan shoreline north of Muskegon Lake easterly on Memorial Drive to Ruddiman Drive to Lake Avenue, easterly on Lake Avenue to M-120 in North Muskegon, northeasterly on M-120 to M-20, easterly on M-20 to US-10, easterly on US-10 to Garfield Road in Bay county, northerly on Garfield Road to Pinconning Road, easterly on Pinconning Road to Seven Mile Road, northerly on Seven Mile Road to Lincoln School Road (County Road 25) in Arenac County, northerly on Lincoln School Road to M-61, easterly on M-61 to US-23, easterly on US-23 to center line of AuGres River, southerly along center line of AuGres River to Saginaw Bay, easterly 90 degrees east for 7 miles into Saginaw Bay, then northerly 78 degrees east to the International Boundary.

Exception: The waterfowl hunting zone lines differ from those described above. Refer to the 2003-2004 Waterfowl Hunting Guide for zone descriptions.

The dividing line between the northern rifle deer hunting zone and the southern shotgun zone is as follows: Starting at a point on the Lake Michigan shoreline directly west of M-46, then easterly to M-46, then easterly along M-46 to US-131 at Cedar Springs, southerly on US-131 to M-57, easterly on M-57 to Montcalm Road on the Kent-Montcalm county line, southerly on Montcalm Road and the Kent-Ionia county line to M-44, easterly on M-44 to M-66, northerly on M-66 to M-57, easterly on M-57 to M-52 near Chesaning, northerly on M-52 to M-46, easterly on M-46 to M-47, northerly on M-47 to US-10 west of Bay City, easterly on US-10 to I-75, northerly on I-75 and US-23 to Beaver Road (about 1 mile north of Kawkawlin), easterly to Saginaw Bay, north 50 degrees east to the International Boundary.



Firearm and Bow and Arrow Rules

Shell Capacity for Shotguns and Centerfire Rifles

It is unlawful to hunt with a semi-automatic shotgun or semi-automatic rifle, other than a .22 caliber rimfire, that can hold more than six shells in the barrel and magazine combined. Fully automatic firearms are illegal. All shotguns used for migratory game birds (including woodcock) must be plugged so the total capacity of the shotgun does not exceed three shells.

Archery Deer Seasons

During the archery deer seasons, it is illegal to carry afield a pistol, revolver or other firearm while bow hunting for deer. **Exception:** During special antlerless firearm deer seasons, a firearm deer hunter may carry afield a bow and arrow or firearm.

November 10-14

It is unlawful to carry firearms afield or transport any rifle (including rimfire firearms) or shotgun if you have buckshot, slug, ball loads or cut shells.

Exception: You may transport a firearm to your deer camp or to a target range during this period if the firearm is properly transported as described on pages 9-10. A resident who holds a fur harvester license may carry a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearm while hunting furbearers or checking a trap line during the open season for hunting furbearers or trapping furbearing animals. You also may target shoot on your own property provided there is no attempt to take game.

November 15-30 Firearm Deer Season

It is illegal to carry or possess afield a centerfire or muzzleloading rifle, a bow and arrow, a centerfire or black powder handgun, or a shotgun with buckshot, slug or ball loads or cut shells, unless you have in your possession a 2003 firearm deer, combination deer or antlerless deer license with an unused kill tag issued in your name, or a 2003 firearm deer, combination deer or antlerless deer license issued in your name with an unused deer management assistance permit (DMA) kill tag.

Muzzleloading Deer Seasons

During the December muzzleloading seasons, muzzleloading deer hunters can carry afield and use only a muzzleloading rifle, a muzzleloading shotgun, or a black power handgun loaded with black powder or a commercially manufactured black powder substitute.

All Firearm Deer Seasons-Rifle Zone (See page 7)

In the rifle zone, deer may be taken with handguns, rifles, bows and arrows, shotguns and muzzleloading firearms including black powder handguns. It is legal to hunt deer in the rifle zone with any caliber of firearm except a .22 caliber or smaller rimfire (rifle or handgun). Crossbows are legal to use by a person 14 years of age or older during the November 15-30 firearm

deer season. **Exception:** See Muzzleloading Deer Seasons for restrictions during this season.

All Firearm Deer Seasons-Shotgun Zone (See page 7)

In the shotgun zone, all hunters afield from November 15-30, and all deer hunters in this zone during other deer seasons, must abide by the following firearm restrictions or use a bow and arrow. Crossbows are legal to use by a person 14 years of age or older during the November 15-30 firearm deer season. Legal firearms are as follows:

- A **shotgun** may have a smooth or rifled barrel and may be of any gauge.
- A **muzzleloading rifle or black powder handgun** must be loaded with black powder or a commercially manufactured black powder substitute.
- A **conventional (smokeless powder) handgun** must be .35 caliber or larger and loaded with straight-walled cartridges and may be single- or multiple-shot but cannot exceed a maximum capacity of nine rounds in the barrel and magazine combined.

Exception: See Muzzleloading Deer Seasons for restrictions during this season. From November 15-30, .22 caliber or smaller rimfire rifles and handguns may be used to kill raccoon while hunting raccoons with dogs between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Transporting — Carrying Firearms and Bows and Arrows

Except as noted below, you must have your hunting license with you when you carry or transport any firearm, slingshot or bow and arrow where there are wild birds or animals.

A hunting license is not required while traveling to a target, trap or skeet range, or shooting trap or skeet, or when target practicing or sighting-in a firearm at an identifiable, artificially constructed target, and there is no attempt to take game. This applies to public lands open to these activities and to private lands with the permission of the owner or lessee if the owner or lessee is not compensated for allowing these activities. A hunting license is not required if transporting or carrying a pistol with a concealed pistol license for personal protection and there is no attempt to take game.

At all times, rifles, shotguns, muzzleloading and other firearms and bows and arrows carried in or on any type of motor vehicle must be unloaded in both barrel and magazine, and either enclosed in a case, or unstrung, or carried in the trunk. These rules apply whether your vehicle is parked, stopped, moving or is on private or public property. **Exception:** Pistols carried under authority of a concealed pistol license are exempt.

A percussion cap muzzleloading longarm is considered unloaded if the percussion cap is removed. A flintlock muzzleloading longarm is considered unloaded if the cock is left down and the pan is open. Black powder handguns must be transported as stated on page 10.

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Transporting — Carrying Firearms and Bows and Arrows

If you transport a firearm in a motor-propelled boat or sailboat, it must be unloaded in both barrel and magazine when the motor is operating or the boat is under sail and may not be loaded until the momentum of the boat has ceased.

Firearms must be unloaded in the barrel, and all arrows must be in a quiver when a hunter is afield outside the legal hunting hours.

Safety Zones Around Buildings

Safety zones are all areas within 150 yards (450 feet) of an occupied building, house, cabin, or any barn or other building used in a farm operation. No person, including archery and crossbow hunters, may hunt or discharge a firearm, crossbow or bow in a safety zone, or shoot at any wild animal or wild bird within a safety zone, without the written permission of the owner or occupant of such safety zone. The safety zone applies to hunting only. It does not apply to indoor or outdoor shooting ranges, target shooting, law enforcement activities or the discharge of firearms, crossbows or bows for any non-hunting purpose.

Statewide Handgun Regulations

Note: The guidelines listed below may not apply to a person having a concealed pistol license and carrying their handgun according to the restrictions on their license.

Carrying of Handguns in the Field

While in the field, handguns must be carried in plain view. Carrying a handgun in a holster in plain view is permitted.

Transportation of Handguns

You may transport your registered handguns while enroute to and from your hunting area; however, handguns, including BB guns larger than .177 caliber and all pellet guns must be unloaded and in a closed case designed for the storage of firearms in the trunk of the vehicle. If the vehicle does not have a trunk, the handgun must be unloaded and in a closed case designed for the storage of firearms and cannot be readily accessible to any occupant of the vehicle.

A restricted concealed pistol license for hunting, trapping, or target shooting does not give you any additional authority to transport a loaded or unloaded handgun in your vehicle or on any public conveyance.

It is a crime for certain felons to possess firearms, including rifles and shotguns, in Michigan. For more information regarding statewide handgun regulations, obtaining a concealed pistol license or Michigan concealed weapons and firearms laws, contact your local police department.

Hunter Orange Clothing Requirements

You may not hunt with any device, or trap with a firearm, on any lands during daylight hunting hours from August 15-April 30 unless you wear a hat, cap, vest, jacket or rain gear of highly visible color, commonly referred to as "Hunter Orange." During the November firearm deer season, this law applies to all deer hunters, including those hunting with a bow and arrow. The garment, featuring Hunter Orange, must be the outermost garment and must be visible from all sides. Camouflage orange garments, with 50 percent or more of the surface in Hunter Orange, are legal.

Exception: This law does not apply to persons hunting waterfowl, crow or wild turkey, or to archery bear hunters, or archery deer hunters except during the November firearm deer season.

Tagging Big Game

Immediately after killing a deer, bear, elk or turkey, you must validate your kill tag and fasten it to the antler, lower jaw or lower leg in such a manner that the tag remains securely attached to the animal. Make sure the kill tag is completely visible for inspection. It is unlawful to tag an animal you did not legally kill. The kill tag must remain attached until you process or butcher the animal, or the animal is accepted for processing and recorded by a commercial processor or taxidermist.

Note: If the antlers or head are returned to the person submitting the animal to the commercial processor, the kill tag shall accompany the head or antlers.

Transportation of Game

You may transport your own and another person's lawfully taken game. You cannot destroy the identity or evidence of the sex of any bird or animal, except for processed or butchered deer, bear and elk as noted below. If you are transporting migratory birds, one fully feathered wing must be left on the bird. If transporting another person's migratory birds, they must be tagged with the person's name, signature, home address, number of birds by species, dates of kill and small game license number.

If you butcher your deer, elk or bear, or have the animal butchered by a commercial processor before going home, the head of the animal along with the kill tag or seal must accompany the butchered animal during transport.

Exception: If you submit the head for TB or CWD testing, you must have the kill tag and disease tag receipt in your possession. Nonresidents may need to comply with restrictions in other states for importing game taken in Michigan.

For Information Relating to the Importation of Game from Canada, go to the USDA Web site:
<http://www.usda.gov>

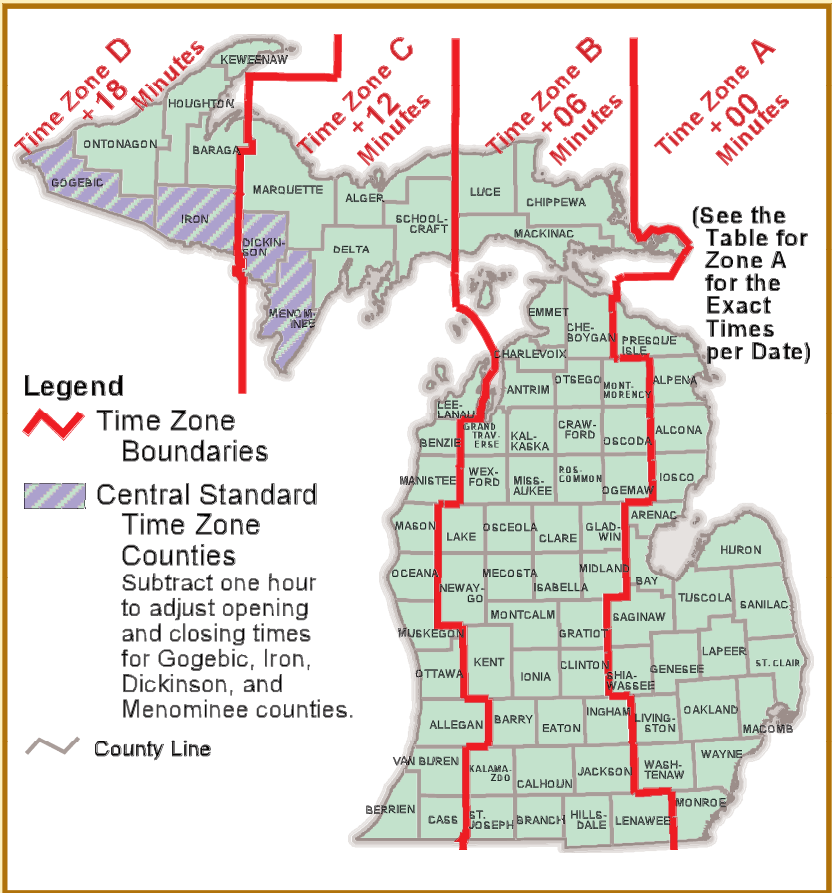
Hunting Hours

Below is a map of the 2003-2004 hunting hour time zones. Actual legal hunting hours (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset) for Zone A are printed on page 13.

To determine the opening (a.m.) and closing (p.m.) time for any day in another zone, add the minutes shown below to the times listed in the Zone A Hunting Hours Table.

The hunting hour listed in the table reflects Eastern Standard Time, with an adjustment for Daylight Savings Time. If you are hunting in Gogebic, Iron, Dickinson or Menominee counties (Central Standard Time), you must make an additional adjustment to the printed time by subtracting one hour.

Exceptions: Woodcock hunting hours are sunrise to sunset. Spring turkey hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour before sunset. Waterfowl hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. See page 34 for rules about hunting raccoon, fox, coyote and opossum at night.



Zone A. Bear, Deer, Fall Wild Turkey, Furbearer and Small Game Hunting Hours Table

One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset (adjusted for Daylight Savings Time)

2003 September		October		November		December		2004		January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August	
Date	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	Date	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
1	6:29	8:40	7:02	7:47	6:39	5:57	7:16	5:31	1	7:36	5:40	7:20	6:17	6:40	6:55	5:46	7:32	5:58	9:06	5:28	9:38	5:30	9:48	5:56	9:25
2	6:30	8:38	7:03	7:45	6:40	5:56	7:17	5:31	2	7:36	5:41	7:19	6:18	6:38	6:56	5:44	7:33	5:57	9:07	5:28	9:38	5:30	9:47	5:57	9:24
3	6:31	8:37	7:04	7:43	6:41	5:54	7:18	5:31	3	7:36	5:42	7:18	6:18	6:37	6:57	5:43	7:34	5:55	9:09	5:27	9:39	5:31	9:47	5:58	9:23
4	6:32	8:35	7:05	7:41	6:43	5:53	7:19	5:30	4	7:36	5:43	7:17	6:21	6:35	6:58	6:41	8:35	5:54	9:09	5:27	9:40	5:31	9:47	5:58	9:22
5	6:33	8:33	7:06	7:40	6:44	5:52	7:20	5:30	5	7:36	5:44	7:16	6:22	6:33	7:00	6:39	8:36	5:53	9:11	5:26	9:41	5:32	9:47	6:00	9:20
6	6:34	8:31	7:07	7:38	6:45	5:51	7:21	5:30	6	7:36	5:45	7:15	6:23	6:32	7:01	6:37	8:37	5:51	9:12	5:26	9:41	5:33	9:46	6:01	9:19
7	6:35	8:30	7:09	7:36	6:47	5:50	7:22	5:30	7	7:36	5:46	7:14	6:26	6:30	7:02	6:36	8:39	5:50	9:13	5:26	9:42	5:33	9:46	6:02	9:18
8	6:36	8:28	7:10	7:34	6:48	5:49	7:23	5:30	8	7:36	5:47	7:12	6:26	6:28	7:03	6:34	8:40	5:49	9:14	5:26	9:42	5:34	9:45	6:03	9:16
9	6:37	8:26	7:11	7:33	6:49	5:47	7:24	5:30	9	7:36	5:48	7:11	6:27	6:27	7:04	6:32	8:41	5:48	9:15	5:25	9:43	5:35	9:45	6:05	9:15
10	6:39	8:24	7:12	7:31	6:50	5:46	7:25	5:30	10	7:35	5:49	7:10	6:29	6:25	7:06	6:31	8:42	5:46	9:16	5:25	9:44	5:35	9:45	6:06	9:14
11	6:40	8:22	7:13	7:29	6:52	5:45	7:26	5:30	11	7:35	5:50	7:09	6:30	6:23	7:07	6:29	8:43	5:45	9:18	5:25	9:44	5:36	9:44	6:07	9:12
12	6:41	8:21	7:14	7:28	6:53	5:44	7:27	5:30	12	7:35	5:51	7:07	6:31	6:21	7:08	6:27	8:44	5:44	9:19	5:25	9:45	5:37	9:43	6:08	9:11
13	6:42	8:19	7:16	7:26	6:54	5:43	7:27	5:30	13	7:34	5:52	7:06	6:33	6:20	7:09	6:26	8:45	5:43	9:20	5:25	9:45	5:38	9:43	6:09	9:09
14	6:43	8:17	7:17	7:24	6:56	5:42	7:28	5:30	14	7:34	5:54	7:05	6:34	6:18	7:10	6:24	8:47	5:42	9:21	5:25	9:45	5:39	9:42	6:10	9:08
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Exceptions: Woodcock hunting hours are sunrise to sunset. Spring turkey hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one half hour before sunset. Waterfowl hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Recreational Trespass

Trespassing is illegal and seriously erodes support for recreational hunting. Permission is required from the landowner or leaseholder before you may hunt on any private lands. Landowners may grant verbal permission. Hunters are required to produce their hunting license to landowners upon request.

If you wound an animal or bird and it runs or flies onto private property, you have no legal right to pursue it without permission of the landowner. Without permission of the landowner, you are trespassing and subject to prosecution.

Float Hunting

Hunting and trapping are exclusive rights of landowners bordering the waterway and their invited guests. Float hunters need permission to enter lands protected by the recreational trespass law. You may float hunt public lands open to hunting.

Townships with Hunting Restrictions

- No hunting with firearms in Oakland County townships of Auburn, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield, Farmington, Southfield and Waterford. (State lands in Waterford Township are open.)
- No hunting with firearms in Macomb County townships of Clinton, Sterling or Harrison.
- No hunting with firearms in Wayne County townships of Redford and Northville, and in the city of Detroit, including waters of the Detroit River.
- Grosse Ile Township in Wayne County is closed to all hunting.

Parts of townships in these counties are closed to hunting or restricted to types of firearms or the discharge of firearms as posted: Alcona, Arenac, Barry, Berrien, Crawford, Dickinson, Eaton, Emmet, Genesee, Iosco, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Livingston, Macomb, Manistee, Mason, Oakland, Otsego, Ottawa, Presque Isle, Saginaw, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne. (These areas are posted with the restrictions.) For descriptions, contact the appropriate township clerk or township police department.

Sunday Hunting Closures

- Hillsdale, Lenawee counties: No hunting with firearms or dogs except on state lands.
- St. Clair County: No hunting with firearms or dogs except on state lands and for waterfowl in offshore border waters of the Great Lakes and Lake St. Clair.
- Tuscola, Washtenaw counties: No hunting on lands of another person. State lands are open.

Information for Hunters with Disabilities

Legally blind hunters may take an animal during the lawful hunting hours for that animal using a **crossbow** or **laser sighting device** if the following conditions are met:

- The person is assisted by a sighted person who is at least 18 years of age.
- The sighted person must possess proof of a current or previous hunting license or proof of successful completion of a Hunter Safety class, and
- The legally blind person must possess the appropriate hunting license and proof of impairment in the form of a Secretary of State ID Card.

Crossbow Permits for Disabled Hunters

A hunter with a disability applying for a crossbow permit must have at least 80 percent permanent disability, in combination or individual impairment, of a hand, elbow or shoulder. The disability may be the result of amputation or other injury or disability. Contact the nearest DNR Operations Service Center or call 517-373-3292.

Special Disabled Firearm Hunt

A person issued a permit to hunt deer from a standing vehicle may hunt deer with a firearm on private lands October 18-19, 2003.

Resident Veterans who are Disabled

A resident who has been determined by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled, for a disability other than blindness, and entitled to full benefits, is eligible to purchase any senior licenses. A letter from the Veterans Administration stating you are totally and permanently disabled and eligible for veterans benefits at the 100 percent rate is required.

Use of Ground Blinds on Public Land by Hunters with Disabilities

Any person who has been issued a permit to hunt from a standing vehicle, or who has been issued a disabled person parking permit by the Secretary of State, or who meets the disability standards set forth in the Michigan Off-Road Recreational Vehicle Law, may use a constructed ground blind on public land. If the constructed ground blind is left overnight on public land, the following conditions must be met:

- The blind is placed on public land no earlier than 10 days prior to the hunting season for which it is used and is removed at the end of the season for which it is used.
- The disabled person has attached, etched, engraved or painted their name and address on the blind.
- Fasteners, if used to anchor or attach the blind, cannot penetrate the bark of a tree and must be removed with the blind.
- A non-disabled person can assist a disabled person in constructing a legal blind on public land.

Note: See note on page 45 for removal exemption on local public agency lands.

White-tailed Deer:

Antlered deer means a deer having at least one antler that extends three inches or more above the skull. **Antlerless deer** means a deer without antlers, or with antlers where the longest antler extends less than three inches above the skull.

If you take two antlered deer, one of the two antlered deer must have at least one antler with four or more antler points one inch or longer. This deer can be taken first or second in either an archery, firearm or muzzleloading season.

Archery Deer Hunting License

It is unlawful to purchase more than one archery deer hunting license. This license entitles residents and nonresidents 12 or older to take one antlered or antlerless deer during the October 1-November 14 or December 1-January 1 open bow and arrow deer season. **Exceptions:** See page 17.

Firearm Deer Hunting License

It is unlawful to purchase more than one firearm deer hunting license. Residents and nonresidents 14 or older may take a deer with at least one antler three inches or longer during the November 15-30 firearm season or during the muzzleloading season. **Exceptions:** See page 17.

Combination Deer Hunting License

Residents and nonresidents are entitled to purchase one license with two kill tags (**regular and restricted**) for use during any firearm hunting season (regular firearm and muzzleloading) or archery seasons. A hunter can use both kill tags in the firearm seasons, both in the archery season or one in each season. Youngsters 12 and 13 are restricted to archery-only hunting.

The **regular** combination kill tag can be used in the archery seasons to tag either an antlered or antlerless deer. The regular combination kill tag can be used in the firearm seasons to tag a legal (3 inches or longer antler) antlered deer of any size except for those areas with exceptions as noted on page 17.

The **restricted** combination kill tag can be used in the archery seasons to tag an antlerless deer. It also can be used to tag an antlered deer during either the archery or firearms seasons if the antlered deer has at least one antler with four or more antler points each one inch or longer. It is unlawful to use this tag on a smaller antlered deer regardless of the season or area in which it was taken.

Exception: See tagging option for antlerless hunters on page 17.

Antlerless Deer Hunting License

Entitles residents and nonresidents 12 and older to take an antlerless deer or deer with antlers less than three inches in length. Youngsters 12 and 13 are restricted to archery-only hunting. Antlerless licenses are valid during all deer seasons with hunting equipment appropriate for the season and hunting zone. See the 2003 Antlerless Deer Hunting Guide for information.

Junior Antlerless Deer Hunting License

Young hunters, ages 12 to 16 on or before September 27, 2003, may purchase one antlerless deer license over the counter July 1 through August 1. No application fee or drawing is required. These licenses are available only in deer management units open to the taking of antlerless deer. A youth must appear in person with a parent or guardian to purchase this license. Youngsters 12 and 13 are restricted to archery-only hunting. Nonresidents under 17 are allowed to purchase a resident license.